

BEN CHANDLER follows in the seat held by a long list of national leaders, including our own Governor Ernie Fletcher. One of the greatest Speakers of this body held this seat, Henry Clay, twice Speaker, three-time candidate for President, Secretary of State, U.S. Senator, the Great Compromiser of pre-Civil War years; Kentucky's greatest national legislator, that is until recently, of course. In fact, Henry Clay made history very early in his congressional career. He was elected Speaker immediately upon being sworn in as a freshman from this very Kentucky district.

Mr. Speaker, I like BEN CHANDLER, but maybe you and I had better keep an eye on him.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. LUCAS), our colleague from Kentucky's Fourth District.

Mr. LUCAS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. ROGERS). It is indeed a pleasure for me to welcome my colleague BEN CHANDLER here this evening.

BEN, it has been kind of lonely up here from Kentucky for us Democrats, and now we have doubled the amount of Democrats from Kentucky, and that is really great.

In Kentucky we are known for thoroughbred racing, and of course BEN comes from the heart of the thoroughbred country. And the success of thoroughbreds are based on bloodlines. If one has great bloodlines, they are successful in racing. And BEN comes here with great bloodlines.

And I am sure you are really going to be successful, and I am happy to share this moment with you and all your friends and your family, Jennifer and your three kids. It is great for you to be here, BEN. Thank you.

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply honored to welcome Kentucky's new Member of Congress from the Sixth District, Ben Chandler, and I am proud to present him at this time to the body.

MAIDEN SPEECH OF THE HONORABLE BEN CHANDLER AS NEWEST MEMBER OF 108TH CONGRESS

(Mr. CHANDLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CHANDLER. Mr. Speaker, Members of this body, I thank you very, very much for this wonderful reception. It is obviously an unusual event because I won a special election. I think that lends itself to a more singular reception. But I do appreciate the attention very much.

This has been a whirlwind for me, and I can assure you that it is a tremendous honor to have the opportunity to serve with everyone here.

I am pleased to be a member of the Democratic Caucus. I am pleased to be a member of the Kentucky delegation.

I am honored to represent my State that I think everyone here from Kentucky knows I am very proud of. I am also very pleased to have my wife Jennifer with me in the crowd and our three children, Lucie, Albert, and Branham, all of whom got to come down here since they are all under the age of 12. It is nice to have them here, too.

Nearly 65 years ago, my grandfather, whom Mr. ROGERS mentioned, entered this grand building much as I have today, thrust into office in the middle of a term. In October of 1939, when he came to this august place, our country stood at the brink of world war. Nazism, fascism, and tyranny threatened to destroy American security and the values that we all hold dear.

Today many of our families face not those same kinds of challenges, but challenges in many ways just as difficult and just as important, a new set of challenges, and I am very honored to have the opportunity to work with every one of you to face those challenges and hopefully to surmount them. I am very much looking forward to that.

I consider it a great privilege to represent not only the Commonwealth of Kentucky but the Sixth Congressional District in our Commonwealth, which includes the central part of our State, central Kentucky, which is the horse-racing capital of the world, the bluegrass region of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. And as was mentioned, it was represented by one of the most illustrious Members of this august body, Henry Clay, among many others, and it is truly an honor to have the opportunity to follow in his footsteps.

I want you to know that I am excited about this. I am really looking forward to being a contributing Member who brings good things to all of the people of this wonderful Nation of which we are a part. Thank you for the honor. Thank you for the privilege. Thank you for having me here today, and I am very much excited about getting to work.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair announces to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to Representative CHANDLER, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 434.

SALT CEDAR AND RUSSIAN OLIVE CONTROL DEMONSTRATION ACT

The SPEAKER. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 2707, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. PEARCE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2707, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 367, nays 40, not voting 26, as follows:

[Roll No. 26]

YEAS—367

Abercrombie	Deutsch	Kolbe
Ackerman	Diaz-Balart, L.	LaHood
Aderholt	Diaz-Balart, M.	Lampson
Alexander	Dicks	Langevin
Allen	Dingell	Larsen (WA)
Andrews	Doolley (CA)	Larson (CT)
Baca	Dreier	Latham
Bachus	Dunn	LaTourette
Baird	Edwards	Leach
Baker	Ehlers	Lee
Baldwin	Emanuel	Levin
Ballance	Emerson	Lewis (CA)
Ballenger	English	Lewis (GA)
Barton (TX)	Eshoo	Lewis (KY)
Bass	Etheridge	Linder
Beauprez	Evans	Lipinski
Becerra	Farr	LoBiondo
Bell	Fattah	Loftgren
Bereuter	Ferguson	Lucas (KY)
Berkley	Filner	Lucas (OK)
Berman	Foley	Lynch
Berry	Ford	Majette
Biggert	Fossella	Maloney
Bilirakis	Frank (MA)	Manzullo
Bishop (GA)	Frelinghuysen	Markey
Bishop (NY)	Frost	Marshall
Bishop (UT)	Galleghy	Matheson
Blumenauer	Gerlach	Matsui
Blunt	Gibbons	McCarthy (MO)
Boehlert	Gilchrest	McCarthy (NY)
Boehner	Gillmor	McCollum
Bonilla	Goode	McCotter
Bonner	Goodlatte	McCrery
Bono	Gordon	McDermott
Boozman	Goss	McGovern
Boswell	Granger	McHugh
Boucher	Graves	McInnis
Boyd	Green (TX)	McIntyre
Bradley (NH)	Green (WI)	McKeon
Brady (PA)	Grijalva	McNulty
Brown (OH)	Gutierrez	Meehan
Brown (SC)	Gutknecht	Meek (FL)
Brown, Corrine	Hall	Meeks (NY)
Brown-Waite,	Harman	Menendez
Ginny	Harris	Mica
Burgess	Hart	Michaud
Burns	Hastings (FL)	Millender-
Burr	Hastings (WA)	McDonald
Burton (IN)	Hayworth	Miller (MI)
Buyer	Hensarling	Miller (NC)
Calvert	Hill	Miller, Gary
Camp	Hinchey	Miller, George
Cannon	Hinojosa	Mollohan
Cantor	Hobson	Moore
Capito	Hoeffel	Moran (KS)
Capps	Hoekstra	Moran (VA)
Capuano	Holt	Murphy
Cardin	Hoolley (OR)	Nadler
Cardoza	Houghton	Napolitano
Carson (IN)	Hoyer	Neal (MA)
Carson (OK)	Hunter	Nethercutt
Carter	Hyde	Neugebauer
Case	Inslee	Ney
Castle	Isakson	Northup
Chabot	Israel	Nunes
Chandler	Issa	Oberstar
Chocola	Istook	Obey
Clay	Jackson (IL)	Olver
Clyburn	Jackson-Lee	Osborne
Cole	(TX)	Otter
Cooper	Jefferson	Owens
Costello	Jenkins	Oxley
Cox	John	Pallone
Cramer	Johnson (CT)	Pascrell
Crane	Johnson (IL)	Pastor
Crenshaw	Johnson, E. B.	Payne
Crowley	Jones (OH)	Pearce
Cubin	Kanjorski	Pelosi
Cummings	Kaptur	Pence
Cunningham	Keller	Peterson (MN)
Davis (AL)	Kelly	Peterson (PA)
Davis (CA)	Kennedy (MN)	Pickering
Davis (FL)	Kennedy (RI)	Pitts
Davis (IL)	Kildee	Pommo
Davis (TN)	Kind	Pomeroy
Davis, Tom	King (IA)	Porter
DeFazio	King (NY)	Portman
DeGette	Kingston	Price (NC)
Delahunt	Kirk	Pryce (OH)
DeLauro	Kleczka	Putnam
DeLay	Kline	Quinn
DeMint	Knollenberg	Radanovich